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THREE CENTS

## Comforting Message Received from Chaplain

To the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Potts, and to his wife, Mrs. Gilbert Evans Potts, has come a comforting message from the Chaplain, Major Lloyd E. Langford, of the Third Infantry Division with the fighting forces on the "western front" relative to the death and burial of Pvt. Potts and at whose funeral he officiated. The Chaplain said in part: "Pvt. Potts was engaged in a successful operation against the enemy. His character and aggressiveness won the high esteem of all who knew him. I wish to assure you that he received a burial in keeping with the high principles for which he made the supreme sacrifice. He was laid to rest in a cemetery that is nicely located and with the surroundings developed as beautifully as possible. His individual grave is cared for with reverent respect and honor. During your sorrow I offer my kindest sympathy and pray that comfort and strength from God will be constantly yours. . . . Please be assured that your loss is also keenly felt by his comrades, who are continuing the task before us. Through the help of God, victory will be ours."

## Higs Has Ball Team

Twenty boys of the high school have responded for baseball for this season and the selection has been made of Floyd Dunnell as captain and Edmund Morgan as manager. On the team are two seniors and the list has eight letter men: Neil Churchill, Floyd Dunnell, Dwight Stearns, Lawrence Whitney, Eugene Hutchinson, Robert Hubbard, Edward Fortier and Alva Jones. The following are non-letter men: Ralph Bentley, Richard Huber, Alfred Lively, John Lyons, Jerome Gingras, Fred Luciew, Philip Huber, Ralph Lyons, Richard Mitchell, Francis Tenney, James Morgan and Russell Roberts. Games scheduled are April 25, Winchester here; April 27, at St. Michael's, Brattleboro; May 1, at Powers Institute; May 4, Charlemont here; May 8, Hinsdale, here; May 11, Ashfield here; May 15 at Winchester; May 18, at Charlemont; May 22, Powers Institute here; May 25, at Ashfield; May 29 at Hinsdale; June 1, St. Michael's here.

## Lt. Lawrence Glazier Receives Air Medal

For meritorious achievements while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific area, August 30 to December 16, 1944, Lt. Lawrence Glazier, of the 23rd Bomb Squadron, has been decorated with the Air Medal. He is a bombardier and assigned to a Liberator, at present stationed in the Philippines. He took part in the softening up missions against the Bataan peninsula before General MacArthur arrived and in December his plane was badly shot up by the Japs, that it had to crash at an advanced land base. Two members of the crew were killed and the survivors were sent to a Sydney rest camp. The lieutenant expects to complete his missions soon and hopes to be back here in America in May. His co-pilot and best friend upon former missions with whom he expected to return home, has failed to return from one of his undertakings and is considered lost. Lawrence is a Northfield boy and his friends will accord him a warm welcome upon his arrival here.

## The Clothing Drive Meets Fine Response

The United Nations Clothing collection in this community is meeting with a fine response and already Mrs. William E. Park, the chairman and members of her committee are accumulating a large and varied assortment. At a meeting of the committee to be held at the home of the chairman, these contributed articles will be packed in containers, properly labeled, and shipped to the government warehouses at Boston to be placed on outgoing vessels for various ports. Already a large consignment has gone to Poland and Czechoslovakia. Circulars of appeal have gone into our homes through the co-operation of the pupils of our schools and by personal solicitation by members of the committee. If you for any reason have not been approached and are willing to contribute, notify Mrs. Park or any member of the committee and your package will be called for. The distribution of this clothing abroad is in the hands of the UNRRA, our government agency. The need is



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## Interesting Items Northfield Schools

A despatch from the 13th AAF headquarters in the Southwest Pacific tells of the awarding of the Air Medal to Lieut. Anna M. McKee of Waltham, who attended Northfield in 1933-34. She has completed more than 400 flying hours as a flight nurse and has earned four battle stars for her Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon.

The recent revelation that Sgt. Marion Hargrove, author of the best seller, "See Here, Private Hargrove," had become the father of an 11-pound son, recalled the fact that Mrs. Hargrove is the former Alison Pfeiffer of Brattleboro and a Northfield graduate in the class of 1939.

Miss Lucy S. Curtiss of Bridgeport, Conn., a Northfield graduate of 1901 and former alumnae trustee of the Schools, has recently completed the history of the 250-year-old United Church of her home town. The church, of which Miss Curtiss is a member, is one of the oldest Congregational bodies in Southern New England.

Among the army nurses found safe after the liberation of the Santos Tomas prison camp in the Philippines last month was Lt. Beatrice Chambers of Los Angeles, a 1931 Northfield graduate.

Tree Day of the Northfield School for Girls is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, and the Sacred Concert will be on Sunday, May 13.

## Fortnightly Lunch at Northfield Hotel

The annual luncheon of the Fortnightly was held at the Northfield Hotel Saturday, April 7, at 1 o'clock with about 70 members attending. Mrs. George Sheldon, the president, presided and introduced the guest speakers, who were Mrs. Edwin Froland, president of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs and Mrs. Albert Bergeron the district director.

Mrs. Troland spoke on the purpose of women's clubs and its relation to life today. Mrs. Bergeron told of the work done by clubs in her district. The guest speakers and Mrs. Sheldon were presented with a corsage of roses by the club. Mrs. Robert Taylor and Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed rendered several selections on the piano.

Mrs. William E. Park, chairman of the local clothing collection drive, urged the co-operation of all members and Mrs. Leon Russell announced a food sale at the time of the next regular meeting April 27, when Miss Ethel S. Johnson of Stoneleigh-Prospect Hill school in Greenfield will speak on "England With the Poets in the Spring." Tea hostesses will be Mrs. Paul Mayberry, Mrs. Cleland Cochrane and Mrs. Leon Russell.

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### Less Sap Less Syrup

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### Friends Servicemen

At 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, April 25, there will be a meeting in "The Friends of Servicemen" in Alexander Hall to which everyone is cordially invited. After a brief business meeting, the group will have the privilege of hearing Mrs. Lillian Vroom, Home Service secretary, and Mrs. W. Scott, Prisoner of War representative, both of the Red Cross. The information given by these two women will be of interest to every family of men in service and especially so to relatives of men reported "missing" and prisoners of war.

Maps showing the location of German prison camps will be displayed, and all kinds of questions pertaining to the war discussed.

At a later meeting Mrs. Vroom will take up the subject of the physical and psychological care of the injured.

### Speakers On Sunday

On Sunday, April 15, the guest speakers in the school chapels will be Dr. James Lee Ellenwood, state secretary of the New York Y.M.C.A., who will speak in Mount Hermon Memorial Chapel at 10.30 o'clock, and the Rev. Benjamin R. Andrews, Jr., chaplain of the Northfield School for Girls, will lead the morning worship service in Sage Chapel at 11 o'clock.

### Town Topics

A few single beds for sale, complete with springs and mattresses. Good condition. Particulars from M. Hoehn tel. 536.

Miss Bessie de Veer and Miss Lettie Bellinger of Ozone Park, N. Y., spent last week at Valley Vista Inn. They plan to open their summer home on Winchester Road.

Lt. and Mrs. Robert L. de Veer and young son, Robert, Jr., are spending several days with the Briesmaster family at Valley Vista Inn. Lt. de Veer has leave from the U. S. Naval Hospital at Newport, N. H., where he has been a patient following an airplane accident on the Cape.

The assessors of Gill have announced the tax rate at \$18, the same as for the past five years.

Postmaster Harold L. Laplante of South Vernon has returned from the Veterans Hospital at Newington, Conn., where he has been for some time for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter MacInnes of West Roxbury and Mrs. William Marshall and Mrs. Woodard of Brookline Hills and Mr. Stillwell were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Bolton last weekend.

Mrs. H. M. Zachmann, who has been spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll H. Miller, has returned to her studies at Fenn College in Cleveland. Her husband, Lieut. Zachmann, is in the service abroad.

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### Tie - Brown Wedding

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Burnice E. Brown of Eamas, Washington, and Casimero L. Tie, S-1c of the U. S. Navy, son of Mrs. Eleanor Webster of this town and the late Jose U. Tie, which took place at Vancouver, Wash., on Friday, March 16, with the Rev. Paul Kunzman officiating. Seaman Tie has been in the service since August 1942 and served eight months in the Canadian army. He has been granted a 30-day leave and will report to Newport, R. I., for his new assignment. His wife will remain at her home for the present.

### Town Topics

Miss Gladys Newton of Springfield, active in the work of the YWCA there, is spending a week at the Northfield Hotel.

Richard B. Smith, eldest son of Mrs. N. Fay Smith of this town, who has served as a field director of the Red Cross with the forces in the African and European campaigns is reported as seriously ill at a hospital in New York City where his family are at present located.

The Mothers Society held their annual meeting at Alexander Hall Wednesday afternoon, with Mrs. David Hammond presiding and with Mrs. Francis Morse as speaker, whose subject was "China's Children."

Residents who are sojourning in the Southlands and complaining of the very warm weather there, will be glad to learn that Northfield is experiencing some very pleasant days, with sunshine and comfortable weather.

Harrison Lakin, well-known lecturer on current events, will make his third appearance of the year at Mount Hermon school, when he speaks at the student assembly held on Saturday, April 14, at noon.

Charles C. Morgan of the Farms, who spent the winter with friends at Brant Rock, has returned to his home here.

Miss Bernice Webster spent the Easter vacation from her teaching duties in New York with her mother and sister, Mrs. C. H. Webster and Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed at their home here.

Rev. Hazel Gredler of Norton was the preacher at the service of the Unitarian Church Sunday, April 8. It is understood she is a candidate for the vacant pastorate.

Mrs. Gordon Buffum recently enjoyed a week's visit with friends in New York City.

Major Leon Russell, who has been with the engineers corps of the army in the South Pacific for some time, is enjoying a furlough at his home here on Main Street.

The monthly meeting of the local Health Council was held at Center School Monday afternoon, April 10, when the report of the town nurse and her problems were given consideration.

Mr. and Mrs. Amherst G. Moody, who have been at Lake Alfred, Fla., during the winter, have gone to Berea, Ky., for a stay, before returning to their home here early in May.

Rev. Judson Stent of Mount Hermon School conducted the morning service at Metcalf Memorial chapel at Warwick on Easter Sunday.

The Rev. Howard L. Rubendall, headmaster of Mount Hermon School, was guest speaker at Andover Academy Sunday morning, April 8, and at Abbott Academy, Andover, that evening. On Tuesday of this week he spoke at the noon service held in the chapel at Brown University.

Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, was the guest speaker at the evening vesper service at Deerfield Academy Sunday evening, April 8. Sunday, April 15, he will preach at Wheaton College, Norton, in the morning, and at the vesper service at Tabor Academy, Marlton, in the evening. On Sunday, April 22, he will be the guest speaker at a service at the Berkshire School.

The town of Vernon has exceeded its quota of \$310 for the Red Cross campaign and reports the sum of \$445. Mrs. Martha Emery was the chairman and was assisted by a large committee who worked efficiently.

### Holton Is Chairman

Members of the Finance Committee of the town held a meeting at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening of this week with Dr. Richard G. Holton, L. P. Goodspeed, James E. Dresser, William F. Hoehn and Mrs. John V. McNeil in attendance. Mrs. Miller was unavoidably absent. The committee organized for the year with Dr. Holton as chairman and Mrs. McNeil as secretary. The Selectmen held their meeting at the same time and the committee approved the transfer of needed funds from the reserve for snow removal account and sidewalk repairs.

### Town Topics

Having for sale, a five-burner kitchen oil stove, in good condition, at a reasonable price. Lorain make. Write H. A. Erickson, Mount Hermon or call phone Northfield 354.

The local Grange conferred the first and second degrees upon a class of seven candidates Tuesday evening, March 27. Charles Olds, the master, presided. Regular officers worked the first degree and a men's degree team worked the second with Lewis Shine, past master, presiding.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Garella of Northfield Farms at the Franklin County Hospital on Saturday, March 31.

The month of March produced rain and snow, thunder and lightning, hail, and considerable foggy weather. Best of all, however, were the warm days which helped dispose of the accumulated ice and snow.

David Hammond enjoyed some Brussel sprouts which he discovered growing in his garden on Aldrich street as the snow covering melted away recently.

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### "Underworld Roof" Lecture at Church

At the Advent Christian Church at South Vernon on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, April 21, the Rev. Herbert R. Wheelock, superintendent of the Dover Street Mission in Boston, will give his lecture, "On the Roof of the Underworld." He is affectionately known to his people as "Uncle Herb" and has exerted a wonderful influence among them. He will also speak at the church services on Sunday evening, April 22. The public are cordially invited to attend both of these meetings to hear most interesting talks. There is no admission charge to the Saturday evening meeting.

### Town Topics

A son, David Alexander, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Pearsall at the Franklin County Hospital on Tuesday, April 3; grandson of Mrs. F. W. Pearsall of Newtonville and Mrs. A. Y. Laing of Westmount, Montreal, Canada.

The final figures for the Red Cross War Fund campaign have been reported by George W. Carr, local chairman, as secured here of \$3,123.43 which is \$623.43 in excess of the quota of \$2500. The county quota has gone over the top also with a total amount of \$86,115.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Carr have returned from a vacation trip to Florida where they visited his son and wife, Ensign and Mrs. Gordon Carr at Pensacola. He is in training at Saufley Field.

Miss Betty Jean Purrington, daughter of Mrs. Hazel Purrington of Birnam road, has been appointed a member of the cabinet of the Smith College Association for Christian work. She will act as chairman of worship. Miss Purrington is a member of the sophomore class.

Ernest W. Dunklee of South Vernon has purchased the home of the late Mrs. Fred M. Allen near the underpass. The property was formerly in the possession of the Dunklee family and occupied by them for many years.

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